

RE-ELECTED SENATOR, KEEPS AT WORK AS CHAUFFEUR



Mr. George E. Marchand, of Lowell, Mass., who takes his seat in the upper branch of the Massachusetts State Legislature in January, is still at work as a chauffeur. In eight years that he has been in political life he has maintained all of his friendships in two principal phases of life, the one as a chauffeur and the other as a legislator. State dinners have been given in his honor, and the chauffeur has appeared as one of the principal speakers after having brought some of his friends to the gathering in his automobile.

## Much Interest In New Data on Nebular Action

Other Observatories Pattern  
Methods After Those Developed at Flagstaff by Dr. Slipher; Discovery Is Made.

That other observatories were patterning their methods somewhat upon those used by Dr. V. M. Slipher, of the Flagstaff institution, in research similar to his, whereby he succeeded in measuring the speed in space of nebulae and also their rotary speed about their axes, and that an important discovery relating to the planet Saturn would be announced was learned this morning from Dr. Percival Lowell, head of the Flagstaff observatory. Dr. Lowell and Mrs. Lowell were here on their way to the observatory from the east.

The work done by Dr. Slipher, it was learned, is based upon an arrangement of prisms and upon photography. It is a distinctly unique achievement in the field of astronomical observations and is regarded as highly important, it was said.

Dr. Lowell declined to be quoted upon the discovery relating to Saturn except to authorize the statement that it would be made public within a short time and that it had to do directly with the planet. It was learned indirectly that the discovery had been made by Dr. Lowell himself.

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## SWISS PLAN TO AID PRISONERS OF BELLIGERENTS

Steps Taken to Alleviate Condition of Soldiers Held in Detention Camps, Where Winter Brings Suffering.

(Associated Press Correspondence.) Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 4.—A movement has been started in Geneva to make more adequate provision for the welfare of prisoners in detention camps of the various belligerent countries. The present winter is bringing with it increased suffering and hardship to countless thousands of men, and these it is proposed to endeavor to alleviate. It is a well-known fact that there were insufficient preparations in the beginning for dealing with such large numbers of interned men, both soldiers and civilians, as rapidly as necessary to care for, and so a result living conditions in many detention camps today entail suffering and sickness to a degree realized only by actual observers.

The International Red Cross Committee of Geneva is behind this movement, and headquarters for the conduct of the work have been established at La Petite Pierrière, Chambers, near Geneva. The main object is to relieve suffering prisoners of war. It is believed that the admission into each civil and military camp of special delegates belonging to neutral countries would be of great assistance in bringing about an improvement of existing conditions, without in any way interfering with the necessary local organization and discipline. These neutral delegates are to be chosen from the professions, such as doctors, lawyers, etc. They are to make themselves useful in many ways at the camps where they are to have the privilege of free access and sojourning for a specified length of time.

It is felt by the promoters of this idea that, although such belligerents as Switzerland have an equal interest in establishing and maintaining a wise and just method of meeting detention camp requirements, and at the same time to mitigate the suffering of the captives and the anxieties of their relatives, that the governments concerned will meet them on the common ground of humanity and help. The actual negotiations with the states in question, looking to the carrying of this project into effect, will be undertaken by the International committee.

### STORES WILL CLOSE ALL NEW YEAR'S DAY

Secretary C. G. Ackerman, of the Retail Merchants' association, stated this afternoon that practically every store in the city would be closed tomorrow. The stores will keep open later than usual tonight, however.

New Year's day being a legal holiday, the banks also will close all day. The barber shops will be open until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning and will keep open until 10 o'clock tonight.

Most of the county offices will be closed all day, as will all the federal offices in the city.

### GENERAL LI SHUN IS IN OPEN REVOLT FROM CHINESE MONARCHY

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Private Smith of C company, Twenty-first Battalion, distinguished himself by diving from the deck to prevent a patrolling boat from drifting away.

GERMANS UTILIZE AN  
ABANDONED SAWMILL

(Associated Press Correspondence.) In the Argonne, France, Dec. 3.—Several miles behind the front, yet near enough to it so that its products can be transported to the trenches with little difficulty, lies the so-called Hindenburg mill—a once active French sawmill that for years had lain inactive, and which has been utilized by the Germans for fitting up their positions.

Every bit of machinery in the mill is French—most of it requisitioned from similar establishments in all parts of the Argonne forest. The Germans estimate that they have spent not more than 2,000 marks in rehabilitating the institution, which today is turning out from 15,000 to 20,000 marks worth of furniture a month.

The mill originally was purely a saw mill, but departments have been added in which stores are being made for the trench shelters at the front, and in which many metal parts are moulded for the manifold needs of the fighting men a few miles away.

Several scores of soldiers, carpenters and machineists by trade, have been assigned to the Hindenburg mill, and are daily turning out by the whole window shades, chairs, bouquets, desks, tables, and other things for the "rooms" where the German soldiers at leisure spend their time.

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## Schmidt Will Be Sentenced Coming Monday

Man Convicted of Complicity in Blowing Up of Times Building in Los Angeles Faces Life Imprisonment.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 21.—Matthew A. Schmidt, who was convicted of murder in the first degree last night, as an accomplice of James E. McNamara in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building here October 1, 1910, will appear in court here Monday for sentence.

At that time Jim Harriman, one of his counsel, will file a motion for a new trial, and it has been agreed that the case will be continued until January 12 for arguments on the motion.

David Capian, who was indicted with Schmidt on the same charge on which the latter was convicted, that of having murdered Charles Hayes, one of the twenty victims of the Los Angeles Times explosion, also will appear in court Monday. Capian's case was to have been set for trial Monday.

The case will go to the highest courts if that be necessary," said Matthew A. Schmidt today, discussing in his cell his conviction last night for the murder of Charles Hayes, a victim of the Los Angeles Times explosion five years ago.

Schmidt seemed unperturbed by the finding of first degree murder with recommendation for mercy, and settled down to studying various angles of the case with a view to aiding his attorneys whose motion for a new trial is to be filed Monday and argued January 12.

### LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE MARRIED TONIGHT

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W. J. Clifford reported the murders, saying he had found his father mother and brother dead when he returned today from a lodge meeting he attended last night. Bloodhounds taken to the scene would not bark the house. It is reported the family had a quiet Christmas.

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